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**ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVANTS – Women Development and Child Welfare Department - Allegation of corruption against Smt. Pothala Manemma, W/o. Hanumantu Koteswara Rao, Age 37 Years, Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District – Trapped on 16.12.2019 – Sanction for prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

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DEPTT FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN, DIFFERENTLY ABLED AND SENIOR CITIZENS

G.O.Ms.No. 29. Dated:02/11/2021

**ORDER:**

Whereas, Smt. Pothala Manemma, worked as Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District from 12.07.2019 to 16.12.2019. By virtue of the post held by her, she falls within the category of public servant as defined under section 2 (c)of Prevention of Corruption Act ,1988 (Central Act – 49 of 1988).

2. And whereas, Sri Adari Suresh Kumar along with his wife is running Vegetable Supply Shop M/s Sri Sai Satya Veg Mart at Bhavaninagar, S. Kota Village & Mandal, Vizianagaram District. He is looking after all the transactions of their business. As per the instructions of the then Child Development Project Officer,ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa and Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal, Senior Assistant, O/o. CDPO, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, he has been supplying vegetables and condiments to 226 Anganwadi Centers of Viyyampeta Sector. As per the instructions of Officials, the rates were enhanced by 60 paisa from June, 2019 and the material was being supplied as per enhanced rates. The bills for supplied material for the months of August, September and October, 2019 to an amount of Rs.4,66,163/- was credited in their Joint Account (SBI) on 25.11.2019. On 25.11.2019 Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal, Senior Assistant spoke with Sri Adari Suresh Kumar over phone and demanded to pay Rs.89,000/- as bribe to him and Smt. Pothala Manemma, CDPO for sanctioning 3 months bills. On that Sri Adari Suresh Kumar informed Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal that he was unable to pay that much of amount as the vegetable rates were hiked. Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal informed that Smt. Pothala Manemma told that Sri Adari Suresh Kumar should pay the enhanced 60 paisa as per acra and there are 1930 lactating mothers & Pregnant ladies amount Rs.83,000/- and other expenses of Rs.6,000/- totaling to Rs.89,000/- otherwise Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal instructed him to call Smt. Pothala Manemma, Child Development Project Officer on telephone. Accordingly, he called Smt. Pothala Manemma in the last week of November, 2019. She replied that she was in training and will discuss later.

Later on 10.12.2019 morning, Sri Adari Suresh Kumar met Smt. Pothala Manemma at CDPO Office, Kothavalasa, where she demanded to pay Rs.89,000/- as bribe and warned him that if he does not pay the bribe, she will stop the supply contract. Then Sri Adari Suresh Kumar pleaded that he was not able to pay that much of amount. She asked to pay Rs.85,000/- by writing on one book. Though Sri Adari Suresh Kumar was reluctant to pay the bribe amount, he agreed



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to pay the bribe amount of Rs.85,000/- as there was no other way. Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal was also present when Smt. Pothala Manemma demanded bribe from Sri Adari Suresh Kumar and asked him to hand over bribe amount either to her or to Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal. Sri Adari Suresh Kumar replied that he will bring the amount within a week. Again on 13.12.2019 Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal called him over phone and asked him why he did not bring the amount. Sri Adari Suresh Kumar replied that he will pay the bribe amount within 2-3 days and requested to sanction the bill for the month of November, 2019. On that Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal asked to bring the amount soon, he will process the bill, otherwise they would stop next month bill and threatened to entrust the contract to another person. Sri Adari Suresh Kumar was reluctant to pay the bribe amount; he discussed with his wife and decided to lodge complaint with ACB Officials. Sri Adari Suresh Kumar recorded the conversations between him and Smt. Pothala Manemma on 10.12.2019 and also the conversation between him and Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal on 25.11.2019 through his cell phone and made two copies of each CD - total 4 CDs. As he was not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs.85,000/- to Smt. Pothala Manemma & Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal, he approached DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram on 15.12.2019 at 1600 hours and lodged a written report along with 4 CDs with a request to take necessary legal action against Smt. Pothala Manemma & Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal.

3. And whereas, after observing due procedure, the DSP, ACB, Vizianagaram registered the said report as a case in Cr.No.07/RCT-ACB/VZM/2019 under section 7 (a) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and made all arrangements for laying trap.

4. And whereas, during the course of trap on 16.12.2019, Smt. Pothala Manemma, CDPO & Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal, Senior Assistant were trapped in their respective rooms in the O/o. CDPO, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District, when Smt. Pothala Manemma, CDPO further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.85,000/- through Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal, Sr. Asst., from Sri Adari Suresh Kumar. In pursuance of the information given by Smt. Pothala Manemma & Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal, the tainted currency of Rs.85,000/- was recovered from the office table middle drawer of Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal. The serial numbers and denominations of the said seized amount were compared with the serial numbers and denominations of the currency notes handed over by Sri Adari Suresh Kumar during pre trap proceedings and they tallied. Right hand fingers of Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal and the cotton swabs collected from the outer surface of the office table middle drawer of Sri Gundu Venkata Kanaka Venugopal from where the tainted currency was recovered yielded positive result when they were subjected to chemical test. The DSP, ACB seized the tainted currency, resultant solutions and connected official favour records i.e., made up files (pending official favour files viz., 1) Attested copy of Acquittance Bill for the month of November,2019 for supply of vegetables and groceries to Anganwadi centers at Viyyampeta sector containing 87 sheets, 2) Attested copy of agreement between CDPO, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta and M/s Sri Sai Satya Veg Mart for supplying of vegetables and condiments for the period from 01.04.2019 to 31.03.2020 containing 3 sheets, 3) Acquittance Bill for the month of August, 2019 for supply of vegetables and groceries, Anganwadi centers at Viyyampeta Sector containing 83 sheets, 4) Acquittance Bill for the month of September, 2019 for supply of vegetables and groceries, Anganwadi centers at Viyyampeta Sector containing 77 sheets, 5) Acquittance Bill for the month of October, 2019



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for supply of vegetables and groceries, Anganwadi centers at Viyyampeta Sector containing 85 sheets 6) Contingent Bill for the months of August, September and October, 2019 for supply of vegetables and groceries, Anganwadi centers at Viyyampeta Sector submitted to Treasury containing 47 sheets and 7) Attested copy of page No.91 of Treasury Bill Register, O/o. CDPO, Viyyampeta Project containing 1 sheet and Attendance Register of staff of the CDPO office in the presence of mediators. The DSP also examined witnesses and prepared the rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. And whereas, the above mentioned acts of Smt. Pothala Manemma, Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District constitutes an offence punishable under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (As amended by Act 16 of 2018) and section 34 of IPC.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi being the competent authority to remove Smt. Pothala Manemma, formerly worked as Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District from Government Service and after fully and carefully examining the material i.e. FIR, Pre & Post trap proceedings and Final Report of DG, ACB etc., placed before the Government, with respect to the said allegations and having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, considered that Smt. Pothala Manemma, formerly worked as Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District should be prosecuted in a court of Law for the above said offences.

7. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and under section 197 of Cr.P.C. 1973, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravathi do hereby accord sanction for prosecution of Smt. Pothala Manemma, formerly worked as Child Development Project Officer, ICDS Project, Viyyampeta, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram District for the offences punishable under section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and section 34 of IPC and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a Court of competent jurisdiction.

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